

(iii) The agency must comply with Federal and State laws and regulations governing the provision of adequate notice to persons who are blind or deaf or who are unable to read or understand the English language.

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APPLICATIONS

§ 435.905 Availability of program information.

(a) The agency must furnish the following information in written form, and orally as appropriate, to all applicants and to all other individuals who request it:

- (1) The eligibility requirements.
- (2) Available Medicaid services.
- (3) The rights and responsibilities of applicants and recipients.
- (b) The agency must publish in quantity and make available bulletins or pamphlets that explain the rules governing eligibility and appeals in simple and understandable terms.

[44 FR 17937, Mar. 23, 1979, as amended at 45 FR 24887, Apr. 11, 1980]

§ 435.906 Opportunity to apply.

The agency must afford an individual wishing to do so the opportunity to apply for Medicaid without delay.

§ 435.907 Written application.

(a) The agency must require a written application from the applicant, an authorized representative, or, if the applicant is incompetent or incapacitated, someone acting responsibly for the applicant.

(b) Subject to the conditions specified in paragraph (c) of this section, the application must be on a form prescribed by the agency and signed under a penalty of perjury.

(c) The application form used at outstation locations for low-income pregnant women, infants, and children specified in § 435.904 must not be the application form used to apply for AFDC. The application form (including any computerized application form) for these designated eligibility groups may be—

- (1) A Medicaid-only form prescribed by the agency specifically for the designated eligibility groups;

(2) An existing Medicaid-only application; or

(3) A multiple-program application that contains clearly identifiable Medicaid-only sections or parts.

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§ 435.908 Assistance with application.

The agency must allow an individual or individuals of the applicant's choice to accompany, assist, and represent the applicant in the application process or a redetermination of eligibility.

§ 435.909 Automatic entitlement to Medicaid following a determination of eligibility under other programs.

The agency must not require a separate application for Medicaid from an individual, if—

- (a) The individual receives AFDC; or
- (b) The agency has an agreement with the Social Security Administration (SSA) under section 1634 of the Act for determining Medicaid eligibility; and—

- (1) The individual receives SSI;
- (2) The individual receives a mandatory State supplement under either a federally-administered or State-administered program; or
- (3) The individual receives an optional State supplement and the agency provides Medicaid to recipients of optional supplements under § 435.230.

§ 435.910 Use of social security number.

(a) The agency must require, as a condition of eligibility, that each individual (including children) requesting Medicaid services furnish each of his or her social security numbers (SSNs).

(b) The agency must advise the applicant of—

- (1) [Reserved]
- (2) The statute or other authority under which the agency is requesting the applicant's SSN; and
- (3) The uses the agency will make of each SSN, including its use for verifying income, eligibility, and amount of medical assistance payments under §§ 435.940 through 435.960.

(c)—(d) [Reserved]

(e) If an applicant cannot recall his SSN or SSNs or has not been issued a SSN the agency must—